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**Re: United States Patent Application No. 09/708,038**  
**Title: OPTICAL PAPER SORTING METHOD DEVICE AND APPARATUS**  
**Applicant: Zaheer Khalfan et al.**  
**Our File: 1084-7/MBE**

Further to my telephone messages last week, we have received a Notice of Abandonment in this application, which has been issued by the PTO in error. A response to the June 18, 2003 action indicated in the Notice of Abandonment was filed on September 16, 2003. A copy of our Response with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission, and the facsimile confirmation sheet showing the successful transmission of 10 pages on that date.

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